



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants : Vijaya Kumar Dadala *et al.*
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REPLACEMENT PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)
and in further response to the Advisory Action mailed March 30, 2005, and
preliminary to undertaking a substantive review of this application, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification appear on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins
on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings appear on page 12 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.